Mizoram, Assam, West Bengal and Bihar, with pipeline length of 1575 KM with in the Indian territory. No decision has been taken to build this pipeline yet.

Closure of unauthorised petrol pumps

154. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether taken a serious note of proliferation of unauthorized petrol pumps in several States, Government have asked them to take immediate steps for closure of such outlets that has been set up in contravention of rules;

(b) whether oil marketing companies have been asked to submit a time-bound action plan for setting up rural outlets in areas where these unauthorized pumps exists;

(c) whether the Ministry has asked the States for details of unauthorized pumps and take immediate steps for their closure; and

(d) the States which are involved and how many have agreed for closure of unauthorized pumps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Government have received reports of the existence of petty dealers or barrel storage points for retailing diesel in rural areas. As these are not in consonance with the provisions of Motor Sprit and High Speed Diesel Control Order, the State Governments have been asked to take necessary steps to identify and close such unauthorized pumps. With a view to meeting the demands in the rural areas, the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been asked to consider setting up rural outlets on commercial considerations. The OMCs are setting up low cost retail outlets in rural areas like Kisan Seva Kendra by IOC, Hamara Pump by HPCL and Rural Outlet by BPCL.

Attraction of Foreign Tourists

155. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's earnings from inbound foreign tourists has doubled in three years in 2005;